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the Government Victoria Caste and Gosha hospital, while the resolution stands for a separate special hospital of primary importance and not for one of secondary grade. However much I may approve of the scheme that in a maternity hospital there should be provision for anti-natal, intra-natal and post-natal work, so that the students may follow up the cases from the expectant mother to the post-natal period of the infant and the mother, I feel very strongly still that for childern below 12 years suffering from ailments peculiar to childhood special study and special attention is necessary so that independently of any maternity hospital research and study into children's diseases — diseases peculiar to this climate may be carried on by medical men and women who have got an aptitude and a taste for such a study, which proposal if necessary may be placed for further consideration before a medical committee composed of medical women, both European and Indian, of some years' standing who are well acquainted with the ailments of our women and children."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The House will now adjourn and reassemble to-morrow at 11 o'clock."

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 1645 asked by Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 1st March 1928, page 159 supra.]

Note.

In September last, the Assistant Industrial Engineer, Tanjore, was asked to investigate the possibilities of succesfully putting down trial borings for demonstrational purposes in two villages, Adanur and Pammal, of Tiruturaipundi taluk of the Tanjore district. This officer visited the villages in October 1927 and reported that there were a few small wells in these villages, 12 to 15 feet deep which yielded brackish water, each with a capacity to irrigate only one or two acres of tobacco, the only crop that could be grown with such brackish water. It was suggested that if deep borings could be conducted and fresh water obtained it might be possible, besides bringing a larger area under cultivation, to grow other remunerative crops. The villagers who are not conversant with the departmental activities, could not be induced to hire the departmental boring sets for the purpose. It was therefore decided that the department should undertake to put down trial borings in these two villages and explore the possibilities of tapping fresh water below the present brackish water level. If the borings are successful the ryots will be able to grow any remunerative crop. If, however, there are